

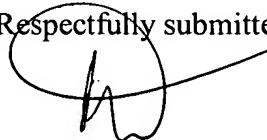
REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested. The applicants would also like to thank the Examiner for recognizing that claims 4, 15, 21, and 22 are in condition of allowance. As claims 5-7, 10-14, 16, 24-33, 40, and 41 are withdrawn from consideration, the remaining claims still under consideration are allowed claims 4, 15, 21, and 22, and claims 34-39 and 42, which are under rejection.

The applicants have taken the examiner's advice and have rewritten claims 39 and 47 in independent form. In actuality, the applicants have amended claims 34 and 42, which are the claims from which claims 39 and 47 respectively depend, to incorporate claims 39 and 47 (and any intervening claims).

Wherefore, based upon the foregoing, it is submitted that the present application is in condition of allowance, and a relatively early reply would be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,



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